

Seagoe Parish Magazine.

MARCH, 1927.

CLERGY :

Rev. Canon Archer, B.D., The Rectory, Seagoe, Portadown.

Rev. W. A. Henry, 21 Edward St., Portadown.

CHURCHWARDENS :

Rector's—Mr. James Twinem, Lylo and Edenderry.
People's—Mr. Moses Gilpin, Drumnagoon.

Lent, 1927.

On Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, we entered on the season of Lent. All the Church seasons are founded in some circumstance in our Lord's life or some other event in Scripture History. The season of Lent, although actually based on our Lord's Temptation in the Wilderness, is also explained by His words, "the days will come when the Bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days." It coincided originally with the Forty hours during which our Lord's Body lay in the Sepulchre. Ever since the fourth century the Church has observed the present season of Forty Days before Easter. It was first enforced for strict observance in these lands by Ercombert, seventh King of Kent, in A.D. 640.

Special Lenten Services

On Sunday March 6th, the First Sunday in Lent, sermons on "Temperance" will be preached in the Parish Church at Morning and Evening Prayer, and the offerings will be divided between the Diocesan Temperance Society and the Ulster Temperance Alliance.

On succeeding Sunday evenings sermons will be preached on the following subjects :—

March 13th—"Idle Words."

March 20th—"Gambling and Betting."

March 27th—"The Books we Read."

April 3rd—"The Pursuit of Pleasure."

April 10th—"Neglect of Public Worship."

On Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., during Lent Missionary subjects will be considered as follows :—

March 9th—"India."

March 16th—"Ancient Irish Missions."

March 23rd—"China."

March 30th—"Africa."

April 6th—"Japan"

April 13th—"The World Call."

Attendance at the Public Services of the Church is one of the first duties of a Christian, and we invite our people to avail themselves of these special services. Easter Day this year falls on April 17th. Full particulars regarding Holy Week and Easter will be given in our next issue.

Church Army Mission.

A Church Army Van Mission will begin (D.V.) in Hackmahay School on Sunday, March 6th, at 7 p.m. It will be conducted by Captain Stocks and Cadet Crawford. The Mission Services will be held on each evening during the week, except Saturday, at 8 p.m. The C.A. van has been located in St. Mark's Parish for the past three weeks in connection with the Mary St. Mission. The Mission held in Carne Church Hall

was very largely attended, and all entered heartily and prayerfully into the services. The people of Carne were very kind to the Captain and Cadet, whose work they warmly appreciated.

The Church Army Gazette

Three agents have been appointed in the Parish for the sale of the Church Army Gazette—in Edenderry Miss Sadie Best, of Killicomaine; in Drumgor Miss Mabel Dickson, of Tamnifiglasson, and in Carne Miss Cissie Price, of Ballinacor. The Gazette is only 3d weekly. It is a splendid little paper, and each week has a large and very striking picture on the cover. It makes excellent reading for our Sundays. A large number of subscribers have been enrolled, and we hope many more will begin to take it. The Church Army Van is going to Shankill Parish when it leaves Seagoe.

Our Emigrants.

Our young people are still migrating to distant lands. This month several will be wishing good-bye to the old Parish and seeking a new home in some far-off country. The Rector is always glad to give letters of commendation to those leaving the Parish. We hope when our young emigrants reach the new country they will make themselves known to the Rector of their new Parish. They will find in him a true friend and wise counsellor, and as he is a resident in the district he can tell them all about it. Tom Webb, of Railway St., writes from Jacksonville, Florida, U.S.A., saying the weather there is very hot, and also adding that he has joined the Bible Class there. Thomas Major, who was a very regular attendant at the Bible Class and at the Parish Church, has left for America. We will miss him badly here. Those who go to the States should enquire for the nearest Protestant Episcopal Church and inform the Rector or some Church worker of the place where they are living.

The Magazine.

Many have complained that they could not get a copy of last month's Magazine. We are sorry, for we would like everyone in the Parish to have a copy. We have been steadily increasing the circulation, and this month it is still further increased, so we hope none will be disappointed. Of course, the safest plan to adopt is to order as many copies of the Magazine as you require to be kept for you each month. There is always something special that will interest you, and it is unpleasant to be disappointed just when you want to have the Magazine.

Seagoe Recreation Room.

The room has been well filled during the past month. A new ping-pong table has proved a great success, and some of the members are proving very expert with bat and ball. A ping-pong tournament is being arranged. We thank all those who, week by week have helped us by offering prizes. Please send on any papers (especially illustrated ones) you may have.

Lurgan Choral Union.

The Lurgan Choral Festival will be held (D.V.) in Seagoe Parish Church this year on Saturday, June 11th, at 4 p.m. The conductor will be the Rev. J. Bentley. This is one of the greatest Choir Festivals in Ireland, and the choir numbers several hundred singers. Seagoe choir is busily engaged in practising the special music. It is several years since the Festival was last held in Seagoe.

St. Mary's, South Manchester.

We have received from the Rev. Stuart Neill, Rector of St. Mary's Church, South Manchester, U.S.A., a copy of his Parish Magazine, "St Mary's Messenger," for February and March, 1927. A great deal of good work is being done in the Parish. A Mission in connection with the Bishop of Connecticut's Crusade was held there from Feb. 20th to Feb. 27th, by the Rev. David Kelly, an Ulster Rector, from Donegal. The Bishop's Crusade has seven objects in view—1, Confession of Christ in Public Worship. 2, Regular daily individual and family prayer. 3, Understanding better the mind of Christ through daily Bible reading. 4, Seeking grace through the Sacraments ordained by Christ. 5, Active service as good soldiers of Christ. 6, Developing a deeper sense of individual responsibility for bringing others to Christ. 7, Earnest efforts to follow Jesus Christ. A list of special Lenten Preachers is given. Children's Services are announced for Fridays at 4.30 p.m., at which Stereopticon Pictures on Bible stories will be shown. On Good Friday a Three Hour Service will be held from 12 to 3. For each Sunday special Anthems are announced, one for the Morning and one for the Evening. A full list of Hymns is also given. On Sunday, March 6th, the Anthems are—Morning, "Comfort, O Lord"; Evening, "Seek ye the Lord." A portrait of the Missioner, the Rev. David Kelly, is printed on the cover.

Our Sunday Schools.

Four prize distributions took place in February. On Tuesday, February 15th, Edenderry held its distribution. There was a very large attendance of children and their parents. A splendid feast of tea and cake was followed by a programme of music, singing and recitations. All the items were loudly applauded. Miss Hawthorne had very kindly arranged the programme and played the accompaniments. The Rector presided and was assisted by the Rev. W. A. Henry and the Superintendents, Mr. S. Rennix, Mr. R. McClements and Mr. Arthur Allen. The prizes were handed to the children by Mrs. Stothers, and were very numerous and valuable. The total value of the books awarded for the morning and afternoon schools was £18. A large number of Church Services were given in prizes. We hope the children will bring them with them to the Parish Church and handle them with care. Much of the expense for the tea and cake was borne by kind friends, and some generous subscriptions were received towards the prize fund. Edenderry Sunday School is now larger than ever before, and we are beginning to find a difficulty in accommodat-

ing the large numbers that attend.

Hacknahay Sunday School held its feast night on Thursday, Feb. 17th. As usual, the large room was crowded. After a plentiful supply of tea and cake an enjoyable programme of musical items and recitations was provided. An entertaining Jazz band of four members was present from Belfast, and discoursed a succession of pieces during the evening. The prizes were handed to the children by Miss Calvert. The School has recently been painted and renovated and looked its best. Mr. and Mrs. Bumbury Atkinson, of Gleneyre, very kindly gave special prizes to the best attenders in the different classes. At the close of the evening sweet and juicy oranges were distributed to the children.

Drumgor Sunday School had its pleasant evening on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. There was a large attendance of children and grown-ups. After tea, games of various kinds were enjoyed to quite a late hour. A large number of Bibles, Prayer Books and story books were handed to the successful pupils by Mrs. Johnston Robinson, of Drumgor. The Rector, who presided, thanked Mrs. Robinson for the kind help she had given, especially during the recent Mission. He also expressed his pleasure at the rapid growth of the Sunday School, which was now in a flourishing condition, and thanked Mr. Thos. Hopps and Miss Agnes Guy for the good work they had done.

Carne held its Festival on Thursday, Feb. 24th. The room was crowded. A hearty repast of tea and cake was provided and then games were indulged in. Mr. Gilbert Price, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, gave two of his favourite recitations, and then the prizes were distributed, Mr. Jack Robinson kindly handing them to the children. Carne Sunday School is doing well and has recently much increased in numbers.

We regret very much that Mr. James Ford has retired from the Superintendence of Levaghery and Seagoe Morning Sunday School. He did most useful work in both places, and we will miss him greatly. Levaghery Sunday School is now one of our largest and Seagoe Morning Sunday School is in an efficient condition.

Seagoe Mothers' Union.

On Tuesday, March 8th, the members of the Mothers' Union will meet in Edenderry Parochial Hall at 7.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, and an address to the members will be given by Mrs. Henry of Clones. Mrs. Henry (who is mother of the Rev. W. A. Henry), occupies a high position in the Council of the Mothers' Union. We will give her a hearty welcome to Seagoe Parish, and we believe her words of wisdom and experience will be a great help to the members.

Painting Envelopes.

Will those who have received envelopes towards the Church Painting Fund kindly place them in the collecting baskets in the Church. It will save the kind distributors the trouble of having to call again at your house.

"The Trial of John Barleycorn."
 John Barleycorn is to be tried for his life before a judge, jury and counsellors in Carne Church Hall on Friday, March 11th, at 8 p.m. Tickets to admit to the trial are now on sale, and if admission is desired they ought to be secured without delay. Many local celebrities will give evidence in the witness-box, and we fear that John Barleycorn's chance of life is very small. Able counsel has been retained on both sides, and we believe that justice will be impartially administered to the accused. Of course everything depends on the verdict pronounced by the jury, which will consist of twelve unbiassed citizens. The trial is creating much local interest.

Concert at Drumgor.
 The Windsor Troupe of Musicians has very kindly offered to provide a programme of music, songs and recitations in Drumgor Church Hall on Wednesday, March 9th, at 8 p.m. The tickets, at one shilling each, are now on sale. The proceeds of the concert are on behalf of the Drumgor School Renovation Fund. The Windsor Troupe is a company of first-rate performers, and the programme will be very attractive.

Soup for the Children.
 A plentiful supply of rich and nourishing soup has been supplied to the Edenderry children attending Seagoe School since the beginning of December, until the Carleton House kitchen was closed last week. The soup was brought up, piping hot, each day on Mr. Johnston's van. We are very greatly obliged to Mr. Johnston, of Edward St., for this very generous action on his part towards the children attending Seagoe School. He will be gratified to know that they have profited greatly by the nourishing soup provided and weigh heavier and look better than for a long time past.

The Jews' Society.
 We print here a list of the boxes and subscriptions which Miss Halliday, the Hon. Sec., has sent in for the Church of Ireland Jews Society. It is a very gratifying list and will materially help on the good work. The total is considerably in advance of last year.

Boxes—Miss Halliday, £2 2s 0d; The Misses Montgomery, £1 5s 0d; Mrs. Rennix, £1 2s 6d; The Misses Lawthorne (2 years), £1 10s 3d; Miss Woolsey, 11s 6u; Miss Gretta Atkinson, 10s 5d; Mrs. Arthur Allen, junr., 8s 8d; Mrs. Robert Magee, 7s 0d; Master Harry Hynes, 6s 6d; Miss Hannah Martin, 5s 9d; Miss Lily M'Kerr, 5s 9d; Miss Charlotte Allen, 4s 8d; Mrs. Flannigan, 4s 4d; Miss Florrie Hynes, 4s 0d; Miss Amy Cox, 3s 0d.
 Subscriptions—Miss Armstrong, £2 0s 0d; Mrs. Vance, 10s 0d; Miss E. Halliday, 10s.
 Total—£12 8s 4½d.

Our Advertisers.
 We did not hear of any misprints in our advertisement columns, although some of our readers searched very carefully through them last month. As there are in this issue several new advertisements it will be a good thing once again to read through them,

for even if you do not discover any misprint you may read of something which you would very much like to purchase.

**Parish Register for February.
 Baptisms.**

Kyle—5th Feb., Elizabeth Hoy, daughter of David Wilson and Julia Kyle, of Edenderry.
Sponsors—Norah Hoy, Julia Kyle.
Ruddell—5th Feb., William James, son of Joseph and Mary Jane Ruddell, of Kernan.
Sponsors—Joseph Ruddell, Mary Jane Ruddell.
Porter—9th Feb., Henrietta and Anne, twin daughters of Robert John and Margaret Anne Maud Porter, of Lower Seagoe.
Sponsors—Margaret Porter, Margaret Anne Maud Porter.
M'Loughlin—16th Feb., William John Ivan, son of Robert John and Margaret Elizabeth M'Loughlin, of Drumnagoon.
Sponsors—Robt. John M'Loughlin, Ellen M'Loughlin.
Metcalfe—23rd Feb., Cyril Johnston, son of Wilson and Agnes Metcalfe, of Portadown.
Sponsors—Wilson Metcalfe, Hannah Vance.

Marriages

Best and Hughes—Feb. 16th, James Best of Balteagh, to Sarah Hughes, of Knockmena.
M'Cormick and M'Kerr—Feb 16th, Robert M'Cormick, of Ballyhannon, to Emily M'Kerr, of Drumgor.

Seagoe in Brisbane.

The Rector has received from Mrs. Nesbitt, of Brisbane (a subscriber to this Magazine), a copy of the Christmas number of a Queensland paper, "The Week." It is profusely illustrated and contains 76 pages of most interesting matter. Mrs. Nesbitt enclosed with it "The Church Gazette" for the Diocese of Rockhampton for November, 1926. Most interesting accounts of the various Parishes in that Australian Diocese appear in it. At Clermont we read of a Parish motor car. Birrigan is to have a regular service at least once a quarter. Aramac needs a new length of fibre matting for the aisle. Barcardine is devoting a whole day, St. Andrew's Day, to prayer for Missions. At Blackall a little relief has come in the shape of rain. At Loughreach the envelope system has been in a very delicate state of health for some time past, but it will no doubt look up soon again as they were blessed with between four and five inches of rain on the 25th of last month, and it is reasonable to suppose that ere long more will fall. Winton had its Church burnt down, but is making a great effort to build a new one, and the Rector suggests that every loyal member of the Church should use this prayer regularly: "Grant, O Lord, that the money needed for carrying on Thy work may be supplied." Mount Larcom has not forgotten the Sunday School Christmas excursion, but it is difficult to know exactly what to do owing to the shortage of water in our creeks. The area of the Parish of St. Lawrence includes all the people of the Church of England living between Yaamba and Flaggy Rock and some distance back east and west of the railway line.

In St. Paul's Parish pleasant and successful "coin" afternoons have been held at Mrs. Higson's, and the St. Mark's stall are to hold a "Paddy's Market" towards the end of October, which is sure to be a great success. The Rev. S. Tomlinson writes from Mukawa—"Ascension Day was a red-letter day here, for on that day, after many days of hard, laborious work by the Bishop and the Captain of our Mission-boat the 'Maclaren-King' down in the gully at Wadagani, water has been brought up to the house by a ram, and amidst hurrahs the water was turned on by Mrs. Tomlinson." Prayers are inserted in the Gazette which "can be used in the Bush and distant parts where this Gazette reaches but probably never any clergyman." One such prayer is for Missions. "O Heavenly Father, Who hast made known to us in Jesus Christ the love with which Thou lovest us and all mankind; help us to spread the knowledge of Thy Kingdom in all the world that all nations may own Thee as their King; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Saurin Centenary (continued)

After the death of his first wife in 1839, leaving two little girls, Archdeacon Saurin pursued his work in the Parish under trying circumstances. It was a period of much poverty, as the looms were idle in many homes owing to a depression in the linen industry. The Archdeacon was always anxious to help his people, and with that intention started a limestone quarry at the Low Mills, Kilvergan, on his Glebe property. He invested much of his means in

labour and the purchase of machinery, but not being a business man by training the enterprise proved unremunerative and had to be closed down. It is commonly stated that the Archdeacon lost £4,000 in the venture. On Nov. 28th, 1843, Archdeacon Saurin married his second wife, Emma Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Rowland Egerton Warburton, and sister of the famous Australian explorer, General Warburton, the first man to cross the continent of Australia from east to west. A daughter was born on Sept. 30th, 1844, and on Nov. 17th was baptized Emma Genevieve, a name very similar to the name of his little girl who had died some years before and who was called Aemelia Genevieve. Unfortunately, the shadow of death again fell on the Rectory household for on January 14th, 1845, the infant child passed away at the age of three months. The second Mrs. Saurin took a great interest in Seagoe and was much beloved by all who knew her. She was specially fond of gardening, and some traces of her work are still in evidence in the Rectory Gardens. Her summer-house under the weeping ash tree is still to be seen, also her bed of white violets on what is now known as the Laurel Path. In 1847 came the terrible year of famine, when the death-rate of the Parish doubled. Fever was rife and many homes were bereaved. The following is the total of funerals in each of the years, 1845, 1846, 1847, and 1848 respectively—44, 67, 108, and 58. The Rev. Capel Wolseley came as Curate in March, 1847, and he and the Archdeacon worked nobly together during this very trying time. (To be continued.)

**SERVICES.
THE PARISH CHURCH.**

HOLY COMMUNION—1st Sunday after Morning Prayer; 3rd Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the Chief Festivals.

HOLY BAPTISM—1st Saturday of Month at 3 p.m., and during any Service in the Parish Church, if notice be given; Two Sponsors at least are required, and they must be Confirmed members of the Church. Churchings are held at each Baptism. Mothers are expected to bring a thank-offering. (See Book of Common Prayer.)

MORNING PRAYER—Sundays and Chief Festivals 11.30 a.m.

EVENING PRAYER—Sundays 7 p.m., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

DISTRICT SERVICES.

Hacknahay—Last Sunday of Month at 3.30 p.m.
Drumgor—Second Sunday of Month at 4 p.m.

MARRIAGES must be performed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Licenses are issued by Rev Canon Hannon, Rectory, Lurgan. Due notice (48 hours) must be given to the Rector of intended weddings. **FEE**—By License—Labourers 5/-, Tradesmen 10/-, Merchants and Farmers 15/-, Professional £1. By Banns 5/-.

FUNERALS will be attended by the Clergy if proper notice be given. **SICK CASES** should be notified to the Clergy without delay. **FEE** FOR CERTIFICATES BAPTISM, 3/7; Children (Factory), 1/- and 2/- (non-residents); **MARRIAGE**, 3/7. An extra search fee is chargeable in certain cases. It will be a help to the Clergy if they are notified of the arrival of new Church families in the Parish.

A copy of the Magazine will be sent post free to any subscriber for 3s per annum.

CLASSES, &c.

ADULT CLASSES—Sundays at 10 a.m.
For Men—Edenderry. For Women—Seagoe School.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—10 a.m. Edenderry Parochial Hall and Seagoe School. 3 p.m. Seagoe, Edenderry Parochial Hall, Levaghery, Hacknahay Carne, Drumgor.

Men's Recreation Room, Bridge St., open every night from 7 p.m.

Seagoe C.L. Brigade in Edenderry Parochial Hall on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Mothers' Union, Edenderry 1st Tuesday, at 4 p.m.

DAY SCHOOL—Seagoe, 9.30 a.m. Principal—Mr. S. Rennix.